

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE VVFC PROGRAM

VVFC is now offering meningococcal conjugate vaccine and meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine to VVFC providers. Eligible groups are as follows:

Meningococcal CONJUGATE (MCV4): adolescents aged 11-18 years old with priority given to those listed below if available supplies are limited:

- •Adolescents 11-18 years old traveling to countries in which *N. meningitidis* is hyperendemic or endemic
- •Adolescents 11-18 years old with terminal complement deficiencies and those with anatomic/functional asplenia
- •Adolescents 11-18 years old who are infected with HIV
- •Adolescents 11-12 years old at their preadolescent assessment visit
- •Adolescents at high school entry (aged 15 years) who were not vaccinated at the preadolescent visit
- •College freshmen who live in dormitories

Meningococcal POLYSACCHARIDE (MPSV4):

- •Children and adolescents 2-18 years old traveling to countries in which *N. meningitidis* is hyperendemic or endemic
- •Children and adolescents 2-18 years old with terminal complement deficiencies and those with anatomic or functional asplenia
- •Children and adolescents 2-18 years old who are infected with HIV
- •College freshmen who live in dormitories

Generally, only a single dose of either vaccine is recommended. The MCV4 available in the United States is currently licenced for use in persons aged 11-18 years within the VFC program. MPSV4 is recommended for use in persons aged 2-10 years and MCV4 is recommended for vaccinations of persons aged 11-18 years, although the use of MPSV4 is also acceptable.

If the patient remains at high risk, revaccination may be considered within 3-5 years. It is anticipated that more data will become available within the next 5 years to guide recommendations on revaccination for person who were previously vaccinated with MCV4.

A new order form and VIS statement are enclosed.



Does your facility have a hold on your vaccine orders? It is possible if you had inadequate temperatures on your last quality assurance visit or if you are delinquent in submitting required paperwork. If you had poor temperatures in your freezer, your facility is given 3 months to submit a temperature log with correct temperatures. If your hold is due to poor refrigerator temperatures, then you have 6 months. If delinquent in submitting required paperwork, then all you have to do it fax it to us! Call your consultant if you would like to know more about vaccine order holds.

Exceptional Immunization Rates



Augusta Pediatrics, Fishersville Inova Pediatric Center, Annandale Lewis-Gale Clinic, L.L.C., Salem Olde Towne Pediatrics, Manassas The Pediatric Group, Fairfax Vienna Pediatrics, Vienna

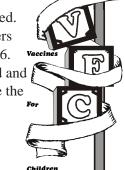
(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

ABC Pediatrics, Hampton
ABC Pediatrics, PLLC, Fredericksburg
Practice of Dr. Adawadkar, Dale City
CMG - Pediatrics Specialists, Norfolk
Lonesome Pine Pediatrics, Big Stone Gap
Metropolitan Pediatrics, Arlington
Ped & Adol Health Partners, Midlothian
Prince William Pediatrics, Inc., Manassas
Practice of Dr. Sapra, Norton
Sentara VA Beach General Hospital, VA Beach
Southside Pediatrics, P.C., Keysville
Tidewater Pediatric Consultants, PC, Norfolk

TIDBITS OF INFO...

- •The national immunization hotline is now 1-800-CDC-INFO. Be sure to have the updated VIS before reprinting. There is no need to discard existing stock, as the publication dates have not changed.
- •Advanced Influenza vaccine orders were due on April 5th for 2005-06.
- •Thermometers should be certified and you should know where to locate the certificate that came with the thermometer for QA visits.





QUESTIONS? CALL THE VVFC OFFICE AT 1-800-568-1929 OR EMAIL US AT VVFC@VDH.VIRGINIA.GOV